

## NEWS.

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DR. G. T. MOORE, of Dartmouth College, has been appointed phycologist in the Department of Agriculture.

DR. J. C. ARTHUR sailed July 6 and will spend July and August in Europe with his bride. He will attend the botanical conference at Geneva in August.

DR. J. B. OVERTON, who received his doctorate in June from the University of Chicago, has been appointed professor of botany in Illinois College, at Jacksonville.

Mr. A. A. LAWSON, fellow in botany at the University of Chicago during the past year, has been appointed assistant in botany in Leland Stanford Junior University.

M. HENRI PHILIBERT, honorary professor in the Faculty of Letters, distinguished for his bryological studies, died at Aix on the fourteenth of May, in his seventy-ninth year.

PROFESSOR G. J. PEIRCE, of Leland Stanford Junior University, takes charge of the botanical work during the summer at the Hopkins Seaside Laboratory near Pacific Grove, California.

WE LEARN from *Science* that a memorial tablet of the late Thomas Conrad Porter, long professor of botany in Lafayette College, was unveiled in connection with the recent commencement exercises.

PROFESSOR C. E. BESSEY, after attending the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Denver, will go to the Pike's peak region to join the University of Nebraska camp for a month, to study the mountain flora.

THE REGENTS of West Virginia University have abolished the professorship of botany in that institution without notice to the present incumbent, Dr. E. B. Copeland. Dr. Copeland will spend the summer at the Cold Spring Biological Laboratory.

MR. H. N. WHITFORD, assistant in botany in the University of Chicago, has been appointed a collaborator of the Bureau of Forestry for the study of the ecology of the forest. He is to carry on work this summer in the neighborhood of Flat Head lake, Montana.

DR. H. C. COWLES, of the University of Chicago, will conduct a field party during August in northwestern Montana. The party will number about

twenty, and the work will be along ecological lines. Most of the work will be in the neighborhood of Flathead lake, where the state biological station is located.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION for the Advancement of Science will meet at Denver, Colorado, August 23-28, 1901. A preliminary program of the meetings of section G (Botany) will be issued about July 15. One day will be given up to a joint session with the Botanical Society of America. It is also planned to devote one day's program to the subject "Adaptations of desert plants."

DR. F. E. CLEMENTS is to spend the summer in the Pike's peak region in Colorado, engaged in ecological studies of the flora. He will be accompanied by a party of botanists from the University of Nebraska, numbering a dozen or more. Instruments for accurate observation of ecological factors have been provided for the party.

THE LATEST *Bulletin* of the New York Botanical Garden, issued May 27 last, contains much information of interest to botanists. The planting of the grounds is proceeding rapidly, and the present showing of species grown during the year is as follows: herbaceous grounds 2300, fruticetum 450, salicetum 40, arboretum 220, and viticetum 60. During the year 48,895 specimens have been added to the herbaria.

JOHN J. THORNBURGH has been appointed special botanical collector for the University of Nebraska for the summer of 1901. He is to accompany the field party of the United States Forestry Division now at work in Nebraska, and is to act as its botanist, at the same time being the botanical representative of the university. In addition to the collection of specimens, he is to make careful ecological studies throughout the territory traversed.

UNDER A commission from the United States government, Dr. H. von Schrenk, of the Shaw School of Botany, is to spend the summer in Europe, in an investigation of the problems connected with the decay of railroad ties on the principal roads, this work being done in connection with an extensive series of investigations into the same subject which he is undertaking for the Department of Agriculture and in which the principal American railroads are cooperating.

ON MAY THIRTIETH there occurred the unveiling of a memorial tablet to Asa Gray in the Hall of Fame of the University of New York. The ceremony was committed to the Botanical Society of America. Most appropriately Dr. B. L. Robinson, professor of systematic botany in Harvard University and curator of the Gray herbarium, and Dr. N. L. Britton, director of the New York Botanical Garden, were appointed to act as representatives of the society, Dr. Robinson unveiling the tablet.

SUMMER FIELD WORK will be undertaken by the staff of the School of Botany of the University of Texas as follows: One party will make an exploration

of Padre island between Corpus Christi and Brownsville. A member of the staff will accompany a party conducting the mineralogical survey, which will make an expedition into the trans-Pecos region of the state. A party of students will collect plants and study ecological questions from Cuero westward toward the Pecos river. These various expeditions should do much in making known the state botanically.

THE BOTANICAL staff in the State University of Iowa has organized a summer school of botany to be conducted along the shores of Lake Okoboji in northern Iowa. The region is not only one of the most delightful of western summer resorts, but has unusual attractiveness for the naturalist. The university offers this year to students of botany a laboratory with all essential apparatus and libraries. Abundant boats put all the lakes into easy communication with one another, and in addition the laboratory will have its own equipment for the use of students. Professor Shimek will act as director and will be aided by special assistants. It is expected that hereafter the work in botany for the summer session of the State University of Iowa will all be conducted at Okoboji.

DR. J. N. ROSE left about the 20th of June for his third botanical trip to Mexico. He expects to go first to the City of Mexico, working out from this point as a base southward towards Acapulco and eastward toward Vera Cruz, probably ascending Mount Orizaba and Popocatepetl. The objects of his trips are to make a general botanical collection; to collect at type localities certain species of Humboldt, Galeotti, Schiede, and other early collectors; and to acquire information regarding the economic uses of Mexican plants, especially such as will supplement a second paper on the useful plants of Mexico, which is now nearly completed.

ERRATA in the last volume reported too late for inclusion in the usual list are as follows:

- P. 109, line 4, after *pellucido-punctata* insert comma.
- P. 121, line 8 from below, after *corticata* insert comma.
- P. 392, line 14, for *ERIGERON* read *ERIOGONUM*.
- P. 393, line 6, for *TROGANUS* read *TIOGANUS*.
- P. 439, line 24, for position and negation read positive and negative.